[English]

Entry permit to visit Nagaland and Mizoram

3929. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
DR. LAXMI NARAYAN PANDEYA:
DR. A.K. PATEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873, Indian citizens, not normally resident in certain parts of Nagaland and Mizoram, require Inner Line Permit to visit these areas;

(b) if so, the changes , if any, made during the last two decades to facilitate the entry of Indian citizens into Nagaland and Mizoram without being required to obtain Inner Line Permit;

(c) whether the Inner Line Permit System is also applicable in the State of Meghalaya; and

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The requirement to obtain Inner Line Permit continues.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Telephone Connections in District Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu

3930. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the steps taken to the Government to reduce the large number of pending applications for telephone connections in Tamil Nadu, particularly in Kanyakumari District?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The Department of Telecommunications has fomulated draft 8th five year plan (1992-97) for telecom development and it is envisaged to:-

—Provide telephone connections practically on demand in rural and tribal areas.

—Waiting period for telephone connections not to exceed two years at large telephone systems.

Accordingly expansion programmes are being drawn for Tamilnadu & Kanyakuman (Distt. of Tamil Nadu State) n order to fulfil the above objective by the end of the 8th Plan period.

In Kanyakumari distt. gross switching capacity would be added by 2220 lines during 1991-92 resulting in addition of net switching capacity by 1390 lines. This will bring down the present waiting list (2840) in Kanyakumari District. Further clearing of waiting list will be through the plans of subsequent years.

[Translation]

Fencing of Indo-Pak Border

3931. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fencing of Indo-Pak ' order has been erected upto some distance from the piller of "International Border" as a result of which cultivable land of farmers has also come inside the fencing;

(b) whether farmers face great difficulty in cultivation due to the repeated checking

by the Border Security Force; and

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to purchase this land so that farmers could purchase cultivable land at some other place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). Fencing on the Indo-Pak border has been erected at a minimum distance or 150 yards from the "International Border". Some cultivable lands of farmers do fall beyond the fencing. Gates have been provided at frequent intervals to enable the farmers to reach their lands. Checking is done by the B.S.F. only when persons cross the gate to go to their farms or to return from there.

(c) There is no such proposal with the Government.

Low Power T.V. Relay Stations in Gujarat

3932. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of low power T.V. relay stations in Gujarat, the capacity of which is proposed to be increased by the Government; and

(b) the criteria/norms adopted/laid down by the Government to convert LPTs into HPTs in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) A high power TV transmitter in replacement of the existing low power transmitter is under implementation at Bhuj in Gujarat. Besides, two high power TV transmitters are also envisaged to be set up Vadodra and Surat in the State, in replacement of the existing low power transmitters, subject to actual availability of resources for the purpose.

(b) The criteria for setting up of a TV transmitter at a particular place and deciding its power rating include various factors such as the extent of coverage desired; terrain conditions in the area; time-frame in which coverage is designed to be achieved; availability of resources and relative priorities.

[*English*]

Liquor Shops in Residential Colonies of Delhi

3933. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of shops of liquor set up in residential areas of Delhi;

(b) the criteria adopted for opening of liquor shops in residential colonies;

(c) whether there have been a number of violations of law and order due to these shops being in residential areas;

(d) whether the residents of Najafgarh and Rohini have lodged protest against opening of new wine shops in these localities of Delhi; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government there to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The Delhi Administration has reported that no liquor shop is opened in a residential colony. Liquor shops are opened